



Atty. Docket No. 002187 USA/C03/PDC/WF/DB
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

David ALUMOT et al.

Application No.: 09/765,995

Group Art Unit: 2621

Confirmation No.: 1810

Filed: January 19, 2001

For: OPTICAL INSPECTION APPARATUS FOR DEFECT DETECTION (as amended)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

A marked up version of the amended paragraphs is attached as an Appendix at the back of this Amendment.

Page 6, please delete the eighth full paragraph, and replace it with the following new paragraph:

Figs. 8 and 8a are diagrams more particularly illustrating the light collecting zones in the arrangements of Figs. 6 and 6a, respectively;